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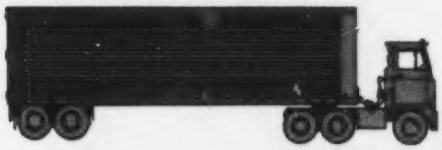

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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SEPTEMBER TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX INCREASES

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage increased 5.4 points (3.8 percent) during September 1980, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index was 145.7p for the month of September, compared to 140.3r for the month of August 1980. The index was 29.8 points (or 17.0 percent) lower than it was in September 1979. The final adjusted index for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Statistical Services Department's monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change chain link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and the variations dues to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region for the latest month (p) are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, September tonnage increased 11.8 percent compared to revised August and decreased 11.1 percent compared to September of last year.

Cumulative tonnage for the first nine months of 1980 decreased 16.9 percent from the same period in 1979.

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PLEASE NOTE: These tonnage index figures are based on month-to-month percentage change figures. This chain link is then adjusted seasonally and for trading days according to formulate supplied yearly by the Department of Commerce. For more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index, see the ATA Department of Economics' "Motor Carrier Special Report" of September 1977.

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UNADJUSTED SEPTEMBER TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	Cos.	SEPT. 1980p	SEPT. 1979f	Percent Change 9/80p over 9/79f	AUGUST 1980r	Percent Change 9/80p over 8/80r
New England	23	314,855	333,249	- 5.5	291,403	+ 8.1
Middle Atlantic	45	1,296,386	1,457,384	-11.1	1,210,051	+ 7.1
Central	54	1,637,074	2,042,706	-19.9	1,445,175	+13.3
Southern	48	1,887,088	1,995,550	- 5.4	1,651,131	+14.3
Northwestern	10	299,793	360,521	-16.8	255,450	+17.4
Midwestern	23	479,725	556,416	-13.8	449,902	+ 6.6
Southwestern	12	482,376	517,018	- 6.7	447,165	+ 7.9
Rocky Mountain	9	158,711	173,562	- 8.6	137,063	+15.8
Pacific	12	1,031,544	1,099,261	- 6.2	900,819	+14.5
Total	236	7,587,552	8,535,667	-11.1	6,788,159	+11.8

INDEX COMPARISONS

	SEPT. 1980	AUG. 1980	JULY 1980	SEPT. 1979	Monthly %Change 8/80 / 7/80	Monthly %Change 9/80 / 8/80	Yearly %Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	145.7p	140.3r	133.1f	175.5f	+5.4r	+ 3.9p	-17.0p
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	152.3p	136.2r	129.8f	172.8f	+4.9r	+11.8p	-11.9p
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	142.4	141.0	139.8	152.7	+0.9	+ 1.0	- 6.8
Manufacturers (total)	141.3	139.8	138.7	153.5	+0.8	+ 1.1	- 8.0
Nondurable	156.3	155.5	154.2	164.6	+0.8	+ 0.5	- 5.0
Durable	130.8	128.9	128.0	145.9	+0.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	327.8	322.6	321.1	314.0	+0.5	+ 1.6	+10.4
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	248.9	249.0	246.6	220.7	+1.0	- 0.04	+12.8
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	251.7	249.4	247.8	223.4	+0.7	+ 0.9	+12.7

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[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly wholesale Price Index).

[4]Goods and Services.